

Claims

- [c1] A bottom lifting baseloid handling package for holding a four-sided product, the package comprising:
- a bottom member for enclosing a bottom portion of the product, the bottom member comprising a rear panel adjacent a side of the product and having a top edge and a baseloid flange extending downward from the top edge of the rear panel for accommodating a baseloid lift blade.
- [c2] The package of claim 1 wherein the product is an appliance having a cabinet and a console extending above a top surface of the cabinet, and wherein the baseloid flange is located below the cabinet top surface.
- [c3] The package of claim 1 wherein the bottom member further comprises side panels extending perpendicularly from the rear panel and a front panel extending perpendicularly from the side panels.
- [c4] The package of claim 3 wherein each bottom member side panel has a top edge extending diagonally downward from the top edge of the rear panel to the front panel.

- [c5] The package of claim 4 wherein each side panel is trapezoidal.
- [c6] The package of claim 3 wherein the bottom member further comprises a plurality of bottom flaps that extend under the product to form a package bottom.
- [c7] The package of claim 6 wherein one bottom flap is joined to a lower edge of the rear panel, opposing bottom flaps are joined to lower edges of the side panels, and fourth bottom flap is joined to a lower edge of the front panel.
- [c8] The package of claim 2 wherein the baseloid flange comprises an upper edge panel extending substantially horizontally from the rear panel, an outer panel extending vertically downward from the upper edge panel, a lower edge panel extending horizontally inward from the outer panel, and an inner panel extending vertically upward so that it is adjacent to the outer panel and interposed between the outer panel and the rear panel.
- [c9] The package of claim 1 wherein the bottom member is formed from corrugated board.
- [c10] The package of claim 1 wherein the bottom member is formed from solid fiberboard.

- [c11] The package of claim 1 further comprising:
a top cap; and
corner posts extending vertically between the top cap
and the bottom member and having upper ends fitted under the top cap and lower ends interposed between the product and the bottom member.
- [c12] The package of claim 11 wherein the top cap, bottom member and corner posts form an enclosure having open sides that allow the packaged product to be viewed.
- [c13] The package of claim 11 further comprising a transparent bag draped over the product.
- [c14] The package of claim 11 further comprising a horizontal retaining band urging the baseloid flange toward the rear panel.
- [c15] The package of claim 11 wherein the top cap comprises a center panel and front, rear and side panels extending downward from the periphery of the center panel.